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The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant TANABE SEIYAKU CO., LTD.			

<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application </p>
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed

the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))

international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (specify): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (specify): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

 the entire international application claims, Nos. 25-27

because:

 the said international application, or said claims Nos. _____

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

 the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify): the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify): no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 25-27 a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the sequence listing; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit: furnish a sequence listing on paper complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. furnish a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. pay the required late furnishing fee for the furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under Rules 13ter.1(a) or (b) and 13ter.2. a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the tables related to the sequence listings; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit, furnish such tables in electronic form complying with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions, and such tables were not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in electronic form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions. See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 24	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1 - 24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 24	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1 (WO 95/33720 A1 (Green Cross Corp.), 14 December 1995) discloses a compound represented by general formula (I) (see original IPRP2 for formula), wherein

M is N,
 L is O,
 U is =N-,
 R¹, R² are hydrogen, amino groups or the like,
 A is (1) (see original IPRP2 for formula) or (2) (see original IPRP2 for formula),
 B is (3) (see original IPRP2 for formula) wherein W is =CH-, =N-, R³, R⁴ are hydrogen or the like and
 D is (i) (see original IPRP2 for formula) wherein Q is O, S, N; p, r are 0, 1; q is 0, 1, 2, 3 (wherein when p is 1, one of either q or r is not 0).

Claims 1-24

The inventions set forth in claims 1-24 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report.

When the activity of a certain compound in a certain field is known, it is common practice to keep the main skeleton of said compound as it is, to synthesise

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citations and explanations supporting such statement

compounds in which its substituent groups are changed and to investigate the activity of such compounds. Moreover, it is common practice to protect free amino groups with acyl groups. There would be no particular creative ability require in modifying the substituent groups of the ring in the compound disclosed in document 1, in protecting the amino groups binding to the ring with acyl groups, thereby producing a new compound. Therefore, the compounds set forth in the present application fall within the scope of such compounds set forth in document 1.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited			
1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)			
Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO 03/82847 A1 (Tanabe Seiyaku Co., Ltd.)	09.10.2003	27.03.2003	28.03.2002
2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)			
Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	